

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1305

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Farm buildings and structures; building code exemptions.

5. Summary: Requires farm buildings and structures where the public is invited to enter and that are used for storage, handling, production, display, sampling, or sale of agricultural, horticultural, floricultural, or silvicultural products produced on the farm and that are exempt from the Uniform Statewide Building Code (the building code) to have (i) portable fire extinguishers, (ii) a simple written plan in case of an emergency, and (iii) a sign posted in a conspicuous place upon entry that states that "This building is EXEMPT from the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Be alert to exits in the event of a fire or other emergencies." The bill also directs the Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee to meet at least four times between the 2023 and 2024 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly and provides guidance to the Committee for topics on fire safety and the welfare of the general public to consider.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the Department of Housing and Community Development can implement the provisions of this bill with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.